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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting Community Project Funding for Downe Township Sewer Infrastructure from the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants account in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Downe Township, New Jersey located at 288 Main Street, Newport, NJ, 08345.

This funding will be used for a shovel-ready, two-phase project to construct a treatment plant and sewer system in the town of Fortescue and extend that system to Gandy's Beach.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the sewer treatment plant will enhance the quality of Downe Township's waterways, protects the health of its oyster beds and aquatic life, and allows for the redevelopment and revitalization of Fortescue, the Township's historic coastal center. The Township cannot afford to fund this sewer system independently. A Memorandum of Agreement has been fully executed by the State, County and Township, demonstrating a true partnership and commitment to build this plant in a timely manner.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Drew-

Member of Congress

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